

Aschenauer Building
1022 Third Street
Sacramento, Sacramento County
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ASCHENAUER BUILDING

Sacramento, Sacramento County, California

ADDRESS: 1022 Third Street between J and K Streets
OWNER: The Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sacramento
OCCUPANT: Now vacant; building to be removed to permit
construction of a Freeway
USE: Until recently used by various stores

ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1850, the two-story Aschenauer Building is probably the oldest existing building in this area of Sacramento. Constructed at a lower level, the entire structure was elevated when the street level was raised. The building was owned by the Aschenauer family from 1852 to 1962.

DESCRIPTIVE ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

EXTERIOR

With the exception of the twentieth century modifications of the entrances to the commercial establishments on the street floor, the building apparently stands in its original state. The simple dentil course with end brackets above the first floor entrance, the moulded trim and window heads, the plain classical cornice band, and parapet profile which suggests a gabled pediment form, all are well designed in the simplified Greek Revival style. It has more dignity and refined simplicity than the more elaborate commercial buildings built

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a decade or more later. The brackets, dentils and other decorative mouldings are of brick and plaster; the foundries of the city in 1850 apparently were not yet producing the cast-iron columns, pilasters and other ornamental elements found on the later buildings. The walls are load-bearing brick with wood construction for floor and roof.

INTERIOR

There is little of original significance in the interior detailing and finish.

TECHNICAL ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

GENERAL

Condition of Building: Sound structure, minor modifications

Overall Plan Size: 20'-0" wide, 81'-2" long

No. of Stories: Basement and two stories

EXTERIOR

Foundation: Brick

Wall Construction: Brick, load-bearing walls

Piers: Masonry piers; no interior columns

Openings:

Doorways & Doors - wood panelled

Windows - wood, double-hung

Roof:

Shape - flat

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Covering - built-up composition

Framing - wood joists

Skylights - glazed skylights

Wall Finish: Front facade, plaster over brick;
rear, exposed brickwork

Cornice: Brick, plaster covered

INTERIOR

Floor Plans:

Basement - not significant

First Floor - interior partitions of brick and wood

Second Floor - wood interior partitions

Stairways: Wood construction, single run

Floor Construction and Flooring:

Basement - concrete, not original

First Floor - wood flooring over 2x12 joists

Second Floor - wood flooring over wood joists

Wall & Ceiling Finish: Plastered

Doorways & Doors: Wood panelled

Trim: Some original wood trim

SITE

It is located on the west side of Third Street between J and K Streets.

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